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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF POLICE (GARDAI) IRREGULARITIES

1. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAS CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF A RENEWED INVESTIGATION OF POLICE IRREGULARITIES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF LAST YEAR'S ASSASSINATION OF THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN DUBLIN. THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, AND INVOLVES THE FINGER-PRINT SECTION. AN EARLIER INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT THE SENSATIONAL IDENTIFICATION OF A FINGERPRINT IN THE CASE, REPORTEDLY MATCHING A KNOWN IRA TERRORIST, WAS A MISTAKE. THE FINGERPRINT WAS ACTUALLY THAT OF ONE OF THE POLICE FINGERPRINT EXPERTS. THE EARLIER INVESTIGATION PUT THIS DOWN TO HONEST ERROR.

2. ACCORDING TO TWO OF IRELAND'S THREE MORNING DAILIES, THE RENEWED INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN ORDERED BECAUSE TWO JUNIOR DETECTIVES HAVE REFUSED TO BE QUIET ABOUT THEIR BELIEF THAT THE MISTAKE WAS DELIBERATE AND THAT FINGERPRINT EVIDENCE IN OTHER CASES HAS ALSO BEEN DELIVERATELY FALSIFIED.

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3. THE IRISH TIMES, APPARENTLY WITH THE TWO DETECTIVES AS A SOURCE, ASSERTS THAT THE MAIN SUSPECT IN THE EWART-BRIGGS KILLING HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR SOME TIME. HE SUPPOSEDLY LEFT FOR THE US IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KILLING AND LATER RETURNED TO NORTHERN IRELAND. THE RUC HAVE OFFERED TO PICK HIM UP, BUT MOSTLY BECAUSE OF THE FINGERPRINT BUSINESS THE GOI DOES NOT BELIEVE IT

COULD GET A CONVICTION. THUS, ACCORDING TO THE IRISH
TIMES, THE SUSPECTED KILLER HAS BEEN GIVEN VIRTUALLY
ASSURED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION.

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